

# Roswell UFO incident

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The Roswell UFO Incident involved the recovery of materials near Roswell, New Mexico, USA, in July 1947, which have since become the subject of intense speculation, rumor, questioning and research. There are widely divergent views on what actually happened, and passionate debate about what evidence can be believed. The United States military maintains that what was recovered was a top-secret research balloon that had crashed. However, many UFO proponents believe the wreckage was of a crashed alien craft and that the military covered up the craft's recovery. The incident has turned into a widely-recognized and referenced pop culture phenomenon, and for some, Roswell is synonymous with UFO and likely ranks as the most famous alleged UFO incident.

## Background

On July 8, 1947, the Roswell Army Air Field (RAAF) issued a press release stating that personnel from the field's 509th Bomb Group had recovered a crashed "flying disc" from a ranch near Roswell, sparking intense media interest. Later the same day, the Commanding General of the Eighth Air Force stated that, in fact, a weather balloon had been recovered by RAAF personnel, rather than a "flying saucer."<sup>[1]</sup> A subsequent press conference was called, featuring debris said to be from the crashed object that seemed to confirm the weather balloon description. The case was quickly forgotten and almost completely ignored, even by UFO researchers, for more than 30 years. Then, in 1978, ufologist Stanton T. Friedman interviewed Major Jesse Marcel, who was involved with the original recovery of the debris in 1947. Marcel expressed his belief that the military had covered up the recovery of an alien spacecraft. His story circulated through UFO circles, being featured in some UFO documentaries at the time.<sup>[2]</sup> In February 1980, *The National Enquirer* ran its own interview with Marcel, garnering national and worldwide attention for the Roswell incident.



## Army Reveals It Has Flying Disc Found On Ranch In New Mexico

ROSWELL, N.M., July 8.—The army air Corps today announced a flying disc has been found on a ranch near Roswell and is in possession of the army. Lieutenant William G. Smith, public information officer of the Roswell Army Air Field, announced that the disc had been made of aluminum 1/2 inch thick and had been found on the air field through cooperation of the military police.

**Major Headquarters**

It was reported that Roswell Army Air Field and subsequently named for Major Jesse A. Marcel of the 509th Bomb Group (Heavy) of the 8th Air Force, United States Army, was contacted through the main provision of a line through the cooperation of one of the local ranchmen and the district office of the Army.

"The flying object landed on a ranch near Roswell, about 100 miles from the Roswell Army Air Field, and was picked up by the military police. It was reported to the Roswell Army Air Field and subsequently named for Major Marcel's highest headquarters.

The object's name and the location of the place where it was found were provided first news of the announcement, which Major Marcel, Colonel W. H. Blumberg and commanding officer of Roswell, and the rancher had seen the object before.

The object, which appeared upon morning news from the rancher, was immediately in the military group office at Roswell Field.

Additional witnesses and reports emerged over the following years. They added significant new details, including claims of a large military operation dedicated to recovering alien craft and aliens themselves, at as many as 11 crash sites,<sup>[2]</sup> and alleged witness intimidation. In 1989, former mortician Glenn Dennis put forth a detailed personal account, wherein he claimed that Roswell alien autopsies were carried out at the Roswell base.<sup>[3]</sup>

In response to these reports, and after congressional inquiries, the General Accounting Office launched an inquiry and directed the Office of the Secretary of the Air Force to conduct an internal investigation. The result was summarized in two reports. The first, released in 1995, concluded that the reported recovered material in 1947 was likely debris from a secret government program called Project Mogul.<sup>[4]</sup> The second report, released in 1997, concluded that reports of recovered alien bodies were likely a combination of innocently transformed memories of military accidents involving injured or killed personnel, and the recovery of anthropomorphic dummies in military programs like Project High Dive conducted in the 1950s, and hoaxes perpetrated by various witnesses and UFO proponents. The psychological effects of time compression and confusion about when events occurred explained the discrepancy with the years in question. These reports were dismissed by UFO proponents as being either disinformation or simply implausible, though significant numbers of UFO researchers discount the probability that any alien craft was in fact involved.

There are hundreds of books that have been written about this incident and it would take up too much space to copy all the information there is available on the subject on this web site. But, if you would like to read more, here are a few links to go to that will expound on the subject:

**For the news paper article printed in the Roswell Daily Record:**

Dated July 9, 1947: [http://www.angelfire.com/indie/anna\\_jones1/daily\\_record.html](http://www.angelfire.com/indie/anna_jones1/daily_record.html)

Dated July 9, 1947: [http://www.angelfire.com/indie/anna\\_jones1/daily\\_record02.html](http://www.angelfire.com/indie/anna_jones1/daily_record02.html)

**Books and Documents regarding the Roswell Incident:**

**Alien Astronomer web site owned and maintained by: Mark A. LeCuyer**  
[randyran@skypoint.com](mailto:randyran@skypoint.com):  
<http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Shadowlands/6583/roswell.html>

**UFO Evidence:**

<http://www.ufoevidence.org/books/book20.htm>

**Roswell - The Final Declassification**  
<http://www.rense.com/general25/finalde.htm>